UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI EASTERN DIVISION

EUGENE ANTONIO BICKLEY,)	
Petitioner,)	
V.)	No. 4:13-CV-1504-TIA
MICHAEL S. BOWERSOX,))	
Respondent.)	

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter is before the Court on petitioner's petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. The petition is defective because it has not been filed on a court-provided form. *See* Local Rule 2.06(A). Furthermore, petitioner has failed to properly initiate this case, because he has neither paid the \$5 filing fee nor submitted a "Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis and Affidavit in Support – Habeas Cases." *See* 28 U.S.C. §§ 1914 -15.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, no later than thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, petitioner shall either pay the \$5 filing fee or submit a "Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis and Affidavit in Support – Habeas Cases."

¹The petition is also defective because it is unsigned. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 11. Petitioner must sign his amended petition before filing it with the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that petitioner must file an amended petition on the Court-provided form.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk shall mail to petitioner (1) a copy of the Court's form "Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis and Affidavit in Support – Habeas Cases"; and (2) a copy of the Court's form petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if petitioner fails to comply with this Order, this action will be dismissed without prejudice and without further notice to him.

Dated this <u>5th</u> day of August, 2013.

/s/ Terry I. Adelman
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE